

# Practices That Work!

## Reason for starting the innovative practice

The fishery resources and coastal habitats of the province of Antique are generally degraded and need to be rehabilitated. CRM initiatives of each coastal municipality seemed much but still not enough to address the declining trend in fish catch. The four LGUs (San Jose, Antique, Tobias Fornier and Anini-y ) of the southern portion of Antique recognize the fact that there is a need for a concerted effort to manage the coastal resources. The call for an inter-LGU collaboration for CRM was responded by the organization of a CRM council – COAST-HAVEN (Council of Anini-y, San Jose, Tobias Fornier, and Hamtic for the Advancement of Viable Environmental Management).

## Role of Implementing Organization(s)

Each municipality created a multi-sectoral TWG through Executive Order to help plan and oversee implementation of COAST-HAVEN CRM program in the municipality level. Each municipality also contributed P 100,000 to COAST-HAVEN and committed to allocate at least P 100,000 annually for this inter-LGU CRM collaboration. The Province of Antique, on the other hand, created a provincial TWG to ensure the timely implementation of key tasks; contributed P 100,000 to COAST-HAVEN; and designated PPDO Staff as Secretariat to COAST-HAVEN. The NGOs (PROCESS Foundation, ANIAD Foundation, and Antique Development Foundation) also shared their CRM experience under the ANIAD program. The People's Organizations (FARMC, Fisherfolk Associations) provided information and were involved in advocacy work to ensure people's participation in the project. The NGAs (DENR, BFAR, Maricom) committed to extend full support to COAST-HAVEN.

## How it works (Processes and Resources)

- A CRM Council (COAST-HAVEN) was organized.
- Multi-sectoral TWGs were created to spearhead planning and implementation of CRM program.
- Strengthening of TWGs and council members followed through the conduct of 3 modules (Orientation, resource appraisal, resource management options) and crossvisit to places in Negros with Galing Pook Awards in CRM
- Organizational Development and Team Building Training was also conducted to strengthen COAST-HAVEN.
- A CRM Plan for COAST-HAVEN was developed during the Consensus Building and Strategic Action Planning Workshop.
- COAST-HAVEN is now in the process of packaging the plan for fund sourcing and implementation.

## General Information

### Innovative Practice Name

Building Inter-LGU Capability towards an Integrated and Comprehensive Coastal Resources Management Implementation in Antique Province

### Location

Municipalities of San Jose, Hamtic, Tobias Fornier and Anini-y, Province of Antique

### Date Started

January 2000

### Date Completed

September 2000

### Estimated Cost

LGU Cost: PhP 1.0 M

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## How barriers/obstacles were overcome

- At the start of the project, coordination was a problem. There was that tendency for each LGUs to still focus its efforts to its own CRM initiatives. Determining the points of collaboration seemed an impossible task. The Team Building Training and crossvisit contributed much to the attainment of a cohesive group (TWG and Council members) ready to work together in the formulation and implementation of an integrated CRM plan for COAST-HAVEN.
- The hesitation and lack of enthusiasm on the part of the TWG were eventually overcome with the sincerity and strong support of the four Mayors and the Governor.

## Details of benefits and results

- Before, the fisherfolk were just recipients of government projects which were mostly not sustained. Today, the fisherfolk (through the MFARMC) are partners of the government and participate in the whole CRM process – from data generation, planning and implementation of projects.
- Members of the COAST-HAVEN and TWG appreciated the importance of networking.
- The piecemeal CRM initiative of each participating municipality are now integrated into the CRM plan and CPAST-HAVEN.

